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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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Claims 1-22 (previously canceled)

9. Claim 23 (previously amended): A composition comprising an oligonucleotide 5 to 50 nucleotides in length which is complementary to at least a portion of a Hepatitis C virus genomic or messenger mRNA in a form suitable for subcutaneous administration.

Claim 24 (currently amended): A method for inhibiting Hepatitis C virus gene expression in an animal comprising subcutaneously administering to said animal the composition of claim 23 or claim 27.

Claim 25 (currently amended): A method of inhibiting Hepatitis C virus replication in an animal comprising subcutaneously administering to said animal the composition of claim 23 or claim 27.

Claim 26 (currently amended): A method of treating a hepatitis C virus-associated disease in an animal comprising subcutaneously administering to said animal the composition of claim 23 or claim 27.

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Claim 27 (new): The composition of claim 23, wherein said  
oligonucleotide comprises SEQ ID NO:6.

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